and 15-20 days during peak seasons *i.e.* during festival, pooja holidays and during summer and winter holidays etc.

(c) The occupancy of all important trains including 2727/2728, Secunderabad-Vishakhapatnam Godavari Express, Express, 2737/2738, Secunderbad-Kakinada Town, Goutami Express, 7255/7256, Secunderabad-Narsapur, Narsapur Express and 2759/2760, Secunderabad-Chennai Central, Charminar Express trains are being monitored on day-to-day basis and wherever required additional coaches are attached subject to operational and resource constraints.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration.

Shortage of fertilizers

†*339. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that especially in Northern India the Rabi season extends from October till December wherein water and fertilizers have special importance;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is not able to supply urea and DAP;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to supply urea and DAP and by when these fertilizers would be made available; and

(d) the reasons for not providing fertilizers on time and the names of the States where adequate supply of fertilizers is not being made?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PAS WAN): (a) Rabi season covers the period from 1st October of a given year to 31st March of the following year.

(b) to (d) Only 50% of indigenously produced urea is under the movement and distribution control of the Government. Movement and distribution of all other fertilizers including DAP are not under the control of the Government. Therefore, the State Governments have been repeatedly advised by the Department of Fertilizers to ensure adequate supplies from the Suppliers/Importers before the start of every cropping season so that the States do not face shortage of these fertilizers.

However, there have been gaps between demand and committed supply by the fertilizer companies, particularly of DAP during the current Rabi season. This is attributable to the reluctance of the manufacturers and importers to manufacture or import to the full extent of requirement, due to the high international prices of raw materials and finished products. Department of Fertilizers has stepped in to arrange imports of these fertilizers through State Trading Agencies like M/s Indian Potash Limited. Since these agencies do not have adequate marketing and distribution network in all the deficit states to be able to reach these fertilizers to the farmers, the states have been requested, as far back as May 2007, to identify institutional agencies, which will undertake marketing and distribution of fertilizers from the rake points.

The availability of Urea and DAP during current Rabi 2007-08 season upto 30th November, 2007 in Northern States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan have been adequate to meet the assessed requirement and to sustain sales as under:

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('000 Tonnes)

State	Month	UREA		DAP	
		Availability	Sales	Availability*	Sales
Punjab	October	270.25	164.90	377.66	169.05
	November	320.99	195.50	274.83	66.87
Haryana	October	350.00	145.00	255.59	21525
	November	393.16	185.00	116.70	95.00
Uttar	October	818.00	220.30	341.00	164.99
Pradesh	November	973.70	332.49	459.01	318.00
Madhya	October	235.19	166.17	200.72	90.41
Pradesh	November	324.30	191.04	208.44	89.33
Rajastha	October	190.15	118.56	20729	132.41
	November	207.43	14720	145.87	75.06

*Includes stocks with State Federation;

Side effects of medicines

†*340. SHRI RUDRANARAYAN PANY:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of new problems being caused by the regular use of allopathic medicines are increasing;

(b) whether interest of the people towards Ayurvedic and Yoga has increased during the last two years and if so, the percentage of increase in these systems estimated; and

(c) whether Indian Homoeopathic Organisations have given any information to Government on the observation on Homoeopathy made recently in foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) During the course of treatment, drugs (whether new or already existing one) prescribed to patients, produce certain effects other than desired or expected effects and are termed as Adverse Drugs Reactions. A nationwide pharmaco-vigillance programme of Drugs Controller General of India is continuing a programme under which the Adverse Event Reporting System (AERS), a computerized information database designed, is being utilized for necessary reporting of Adverse Drug's Reactions (ADR) through institutional networking process. The ultimate goal of AERS is to improve the public health by providing the best available tools for shoring and analyzing safety reports.

Further, Ayurveda and Yoga as well as other traditional and complementary systems of medicine are accessed people all over the world due to Adverse Drugs Reaction of modern medicine. Use of alternative medicines are increasing world over.

The Government has not received any information from Indian Homoeopathic Organization on the observation made on homoeopathy abroad.

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